

FISCAL NOTE
SB 2557 - HB 2741

February 5, 2000

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes counties and municipalities to require all persons applying for employment to agree to the release of investigative records for the purpose of verifying criminal violation information contained on their application and to supply a fingerprint sample and submit to a criminal history records check to be conducted by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation. Provides that a check of such prints may be made against records of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Provides that the costs incurred by the TBI or the FBI are to be paid by the county or municipality and that the county or municipality may require the applicant to pay the costs if they are offered and accept employment with the county or municipality.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$165,000 Recurring
\$9,000 One-Time

Increase State Revenues - \$240,000 Recurring

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - \$240,000 Recurring/Permissive
Increase Local Govt. Revenues - \$240,000 Recurring/Permissive

Assumes:

- recurring increases in state expenditures of \$44,000 for two additional positions in TBI to process and enter fingerprints and \$1,000 for supplies.
- a one-time increase in expenditures of \$9,000 for computers and work stations for these new positions.
- state expenditures of \$120,000 for F.B.I. fingerprint checks. Estimate is based on 5,000 projected applicants subject to the background check each year.
- there are approximately 205,000 local government employees in Tennessee.
- 10% of local government employees are new hires each year.
- only one fourth of the new hires would be subject to a background check.
- increase in state revenues and local government expenditures is based on a fee of \$48 paid by the local government for each check by the TBI.
- local governments will charge to \$48 fee to all applicants as provided for in the act for an increase in revenues.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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